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Supporting information for article:

First crystal structure of the peptidase domain of the U32 peptidase family

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S1. Sequence of the Mk0906 construct used in this study

The N-terminal additional amino acids are shown in italics with the StrepII-tag being underlined and the thrombin cleavage site shown in bold letters.

MGSWSHPQFEKSSGLVPRGSMTRRWYLCCSRHHLDTVPEDSDGIVVPVTEHGVATL
LPRYPETYEVEDIVDVAKDRGLSVQALMDFTCAGCEHLSPDGYPSLRSTLDYLASDLEVD
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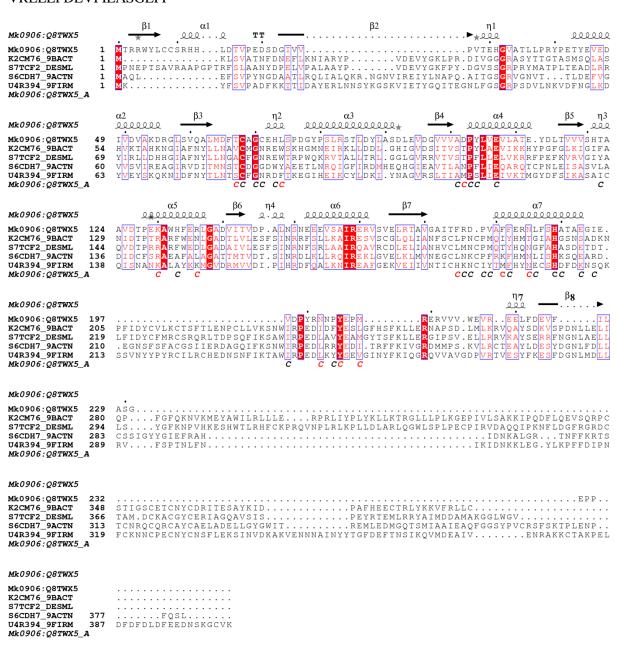


Figure S1 Sequence alignment of bacterial proteins exhibiting the zinc-binding sequence motifs.

K2CM76: uncharacterized protein from an uncultured bacterium; S7TCF2: U32 peptidase from *Desulfococcus multivorans*; S6CDH7: Protease from *Adlercreutzia equolifaciens*; U4R394: uncharacterized protein from *Clostridium papyrosolvens*.

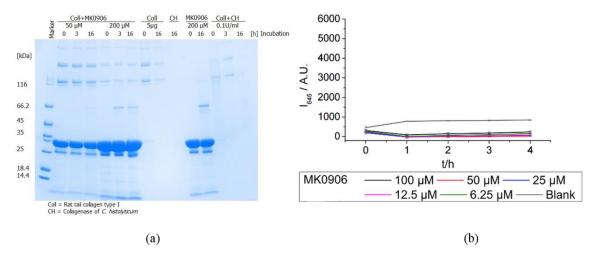


Figure S2 Proteolytic assays. (a) Collagen-digestion. 5μg rat tail collagen (BD Biosciences, Oakpark, USA) (Mr of 115, 130 and 215 and 230 kDa) was incubated with Mk0906 (Mr 28.4 kDa) in vast excess (50 and 200 μM) for a total of 16 hours at 37°C. *C. histolyticum* collagenase (0.05U/ml) was used as positive control. Further control lanes show collagen without Mk0906 and Mk0906 alone. Lane 1: Marker (Unstained protein molecular weight marker, Fermentas); Lanes 2-4: collagen plus 50 μM Mk0906 after 0, 3, and 16 hours incubation at 37°C; lanes 5-7: collagen plus 200 μM Mk0906 after 0, 3, and 16 hours incubation at 37°C; lanes 8 and 9: collagen with buffer after 0 and 16 hours; lane 10: *Clostridium* collagenase; lanes 11 and 12: Mk0906 (200μM) alone after 0 and 16 hours. (b) BODIPY proteolytic assay. Casein (10 μg/ml) labelled with red-fluorescent BODIPY® TR-X (E6639) dye was incubated with Mk0906 (6.25 to 100 μM) and the fluorescence was recorded for the indicated time at 37°C. Blank readings were subtracted.

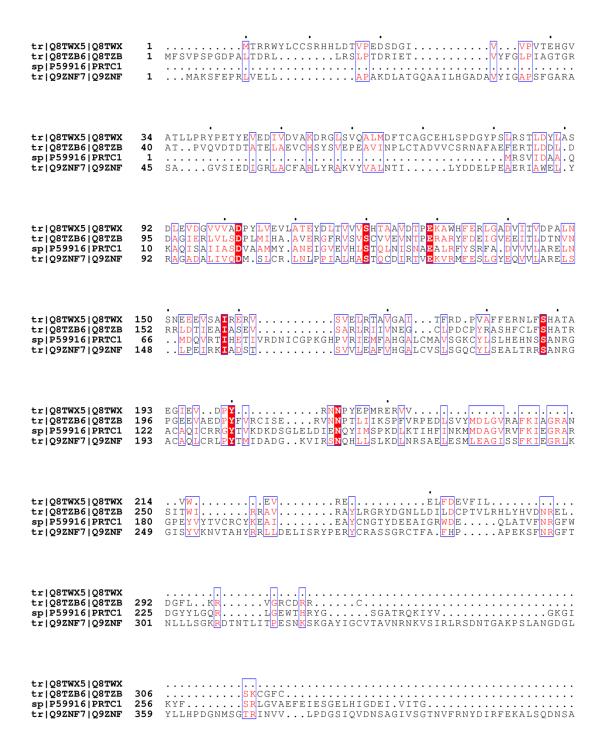


Figure S3 Part of the sequence alignment of Mk0906 (Q8TWX5) with *P. gingivalis* PrtC (P55916), *P. gingivalis* PrtQ (Q9ZNF7) and *M. kandleri* Mk0019 (Q8TZB6). Shown is only the N-terminal part

of the sequences of PrtC and PrtQ since the C-terminal part consists of a β -barrel domain similar to PDB entry 4he6 (Trillo-Muyo et al., 2013). The sequence alignment was performed with MAFFT/L-INS-i (Katoh et al., 2005).